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SUBJECT: U.S. ACCUSED OF DETOURING HURRICANE FIFI TO HONDURAS

1. TIEMPO AND CRONISTA IN JULY 15 EDITIONS GIVE FRONT PAGE HEADLINES TO UPI STORY DATELINED MEXICO CITY IN WHICH DR. JORGE A. VIVO, DIRECTOR OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH CENTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MEXICA, ACCUSES THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OF ARTIFICALLY DETOURING HURRICANE FIFI INTO HONDURAS BY USE OF SILVER IODINE SOWINGS TO SAVE FLORIDA'S BEACHES AND SLUMPING TOURIST INDUSTRY. ARTICLES STATE VIVO SAID U.S. IS, THEREFORE, DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF STORM DAMAGE AND THE LOSS OF SOME 10,000 LIVES IN HONDURAS. STORY ALSO CARRIED IN JULY 15 MIAMI HERALD ON FRONT PAGE UNDER BYLINE OF MATTHEW T. KENNY.

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2. ALTHOUGH VIVO ADMITTED HE COULD NOT PROVE HIS CHARGES WHICH HE CALLED "IMPRESSIONS", ARTICLES ARE EXTREMELY DAMAGING TO U.S.M POSITION IN HONDURAS AND PROVIDE THE MEANS ANTI-U.S. ELEMENTS HAVE BEEN SEEKING TO UNDO GOODWILL ACHIEVED BY U.S. LOCALLY THROUGH ITS HURRICANE RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

3. MISSION URGES DEPARTMENT ISSUE PROMPTLY AUTHORITATIVE DENIAL THIS IRRESPONSIBLE STORY WITH AUTHORITY TO USE LOCALLY IF MISSION DEEMS SITUATION WARRANTS.
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